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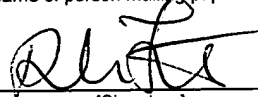
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: SCHWESIG-3

In re Application of:)
GÜNTER SCHWESIG)
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR RELIABLY SWITCHING AN OPERATING MODE OF AN INDUSTRIAL CONTROLLER FOR MACHINE TOOLS OR PRODUCTION MACHINES)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to E) which were cited in a German Office Action issued by the German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 103 15 526.0. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	US 3 415 087	J. G. Kramasz et al.	12-10-1968
B)	USA	US 4 916 639	Yoneda et al.	04-10-1990
C)	Germany	DE 101 31 594 A1	Siemens AG	11-28-2002
D)	Germany	DE 200 18 584 U1	Viessmann Werke	03-29-2001
E)	Germany	DE 100 09 456 A1	Finn, David	09-06-2001

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference C) describes a device for operating a technical installation using an input device, such as a keyboard and/or screen having a touch sensitive surface and or using speech input. The device includes a biometric identification system for user identification and authorization. Accordingly the device has a biometric measuring system with which appropriate characteristics are scanned and read in.

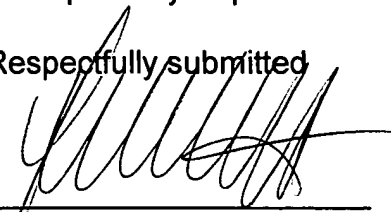
Reference D) describes a heating assembly for controlling the temperature of one or more heat carrier fluids and/or heat consumers in response to sets of control-relevant data stored in a memory, with one or more sets being selected and/or added by the operator for executing the control.

Reference E) describes a transponder reading device (20) in a computer peripheral such as a mouse (10), keyboard, to transmit data read from data carrier transponder, e.g. in the form of a card inserted in mouse or ring worn by user, to computer application.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date, if appropriate
	3,415,087	12-10-1968	J.G. Kramasz et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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